

# City of Flemington

May 8, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mayor Paul Hawkins  
Council Member Donnie Smith  
Council Member David Edwards  
Council Member Gail Evans  
Council Member Rene Harwell  
Council Member Keith Moran

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Craig Stafford  
City Clerk Lori Taylor

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Mayor Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Councilwoman Evans made note of a needed correction to the April minutes, as follows: in 7b. a correction to the word "fie" to the word "five". Councilwoman Evans made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as corrected. Motion seconded by Councilman Edwards. All approved. Motion passed.*
4. Deputy Eric Allen was absent from the meeting, therefore no law enforcement was received.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for April.
6. Jeff Ricketson presented council with the revision of Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance. Councilwoman Evans questioned the reference to the "Director" in Chapter 38. Mr. Ricketson said that depending on the circumstance, it would either be himself or Paul Zechman. He stated that he could make a change and bring it back to council at the June meeting.
7. A list of recommended people for the Impact Fee Advisory Committee was presented to council my Mayor Hawkins. Nomination were: Jeff Ricketson, James Rogers, Ronald Ray, Phil Odum, Matthew Barrow, Jimmy Shanken, Leigh Smiley, Lynda Hall, Speir Flanders, and Elliott Godwin. *Councilwoman Smith motioned to approve the provided list of Impact Fee Committee Members. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed.*
8. Bill Ross from Ross & Associates presented council with the Impact Fee Study process. He stated that state law controls impact fees and only certain categories of public facilities are allowable by law to be included in an impact fee study. In Flemington, he is only looking at roads, law enforcement, and fire services for inclusion in the Impact Fee Study at this time. He explained the difference between system improvements and project improvements. The law states that only system improvements be included. System improvements must serve the city as a whole, not just a project, and capital improvements must have a useful life of at least 10 years. He also stated that DCA will shepherd the process and administer the standards for the process. He continued to explain the process of the Methodology Report, the Capital Improvements Element, the

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drafting of an ordinance, adoption of the ordinance, DCA review, adopting the CIE, and amending the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the city is not required to complete the study at any time during the process. The Advisory Committee will have several meetings during the process to review the ordinance and fee schedule prior to implementation. Upon implementation, fees can be collected immediately, or phased in based on council's preference. Mr. Ross ended by saying that he planned to have the final product ready for implementation by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

9. Mayor Hawkins opened the Public Budget Hearing. Council reviewed the budget worksheet and the proposed FY19 Budget. Larry Golden stated that the proposal is a fair start to the budget and stated that this is a good time to begin the Impact Fee Study in regards to budget planning. Council was informed that the final budget proposal would be presented for approval at the June meeting.

## 10. New Business

- a. Councilwoman Smith presented council with a donation request for Carpathia Paws Animal Rescue. She stated that last year, Carpathia Paws took in half of the dogs and cats in Liberty County. *Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve a donation of \$500 to Carpathia Paws. Motion was seconded by Councilman Moran. All approved, with Councilwoman Smith recusing herself from the vote due to personal affiliation with Carpathia Paws. Motion passed.*
- b. Councilman Edwards presented council with a request to install a new streetlight at the entrance of Baconfield Subdivision. He stated that there is a very dark area on the entrance road that is of a safety concern. Mayor Hawkins said that it must be a public safety concern and not benefitting a single resident. Councilman Edwards clarified that it is in a place where it is treed on both sides of the road, and not directly at a single residence. *Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve installing a streetlight at the entrance of Baconfield Subdivision. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. All approved. Motion passed.*

## 11. Old Business

- a. Councilwoman Harwell questioned the waiver that was discussed at the April meeting regarding the sidewalks on Old Savannah Road. Councilman Moran said that the residents had decided not to pursue the waiver. Councilman Moran inquired about the drainage culvert that had been installed on Old Savannah Road at the new road. Mayor Hawkins asked Mr. Ricketson to check into the size and safety of it.
- b. Councilwoman Evans inquired about the upcoming graduation of Liberty County High School and the safety and parking issues during the graduation. Councilman Edwards stated that he and Deputy Eric Allen would be on duty during the graduation and would be patrolling Baconfield Subdivision and Hwy. 84.
- c. Jeff Ricketson informed council of a project that will be forthcoming in the near future off of Patriot's Trail. The development will be in Hinesville, but will have an emergency exit onto Patriot's Trail. The developer intends to have the roadway gated and only available to access in an emergency. He stated that he only wanted to inform council that the project is coming back in the near future.

12. *Councilman Edwards motioned to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.*